



Attorney Docket 0553-0185.091

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
Sakama et al.)
Serial No.: 10/669,284)
Filed: September 24, 2003)
For: Semiconductor Device And A Method)
Of Manufacturing The Same)
Art Unit:)
Examiner:)
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PETITION FOR ENTITLEMENT TO FILING DATE

Sir:

Applicants petition that they be granted the filing date of September 24, 2003. This application was sent to the PTO by Express Mail on September 24, 2003. The transmittal papers state that a true copy of the prior application (which included page 32) was attached (see Exh. A). The stamped postcard from the PTO, with a mail stamp of September 24, 2003, states that 56 pages of specification are attached. Ex. B. The undersigned believes that a copy of page 32 therefore should have been in the application as filed. Another copy of page 32 is included herewith. Ex. C.

Accordingly, it is requested that the application be granted the filing date of September 24, 2003.

Please charge our deposit account 50/1039 for any fee due for this petition.

Acknowledgment of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: *April 19, 2004*



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PATENT
Docket No. 0553-0185.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application:

Examiner: E. Kielin

Art Unit: 2813

I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.60 request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on September 24, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV 321710896 addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a

Divisional

Continuation

application under 37 CFR 1.60 of pending prior application Serial No. 09/584,617 filed on May 31, 2000 of Mitsunori SAKAMA, Taketomi ASAMI, Noriko ISHIMARU and Shunpei YAMAZAKI for Semiconductor Device And A Method of Manufacturing The Same

2. True Copy of Original Prior Application Papers Attached.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed (37 CFR 1.60).

3. Amendments

- [] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- [X] Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment (prior to calculating the filing fee)

4. Information Disclosure Statement

[X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

5. Fee Calculation (claims pending after entry of any amendments above)

[] A verified statement of small entity status:

[] has been filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired

[] is attached

[X] Other than small entity

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate sm/lg ent.	Fee
Total Claims	26	-20 =6	x \$9/18	\$108.00
Independent Claims	5	- 3 = 2	x \$42/84	\$168.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No		\$280/140	\$0.00
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)			\$375/750	\$750
Assignment			\$40	\$0
Total Filing Fee				\$1026.00

6. Fee Payment

A check in the amount of \$1026.00 is enclosed

Please charge deposit account 50/1039 in the amount of _____.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50/1039. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

7. Drawings

New formal drawings are enclosed.

Informal drawings are enclosed.

8. Foreign Priority

Priority of foreign application serial no. 11-154429 filed on June 2, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 09/584,617.

The certified copy will follow.

9. Relate Back -- 35 U.S.C. 120

- [X] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a divisional of copending U.S. application Serial No.
09/584,617, filed on May 31, 2000.--

10. Inventorship

With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

- [X] the same
[] less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:
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11. Assignment

- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.
[] An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached (with cover sheet) for recording..

12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

- [] A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until _____ or
[X] A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending parent application (copy enclosed).

13. Power of Attorney

[X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Edward D. Manzo,
registration no. 28,139

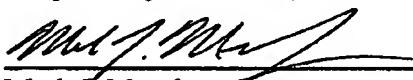
[] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[X] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the
power in the prior application is enclosed.

[X] Address all future communications to:

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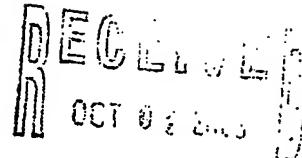
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(Claims 8 pages)
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RE: APPLICATION ATTY/SEC: MJM/cn
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Applicant: Mitsunori SAKAMA et al

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Title: Semiconductor Device and a Method
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